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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Steve Mast et al.

Serial No.: 10/092,290

Filed: March 6, 2002

For: DRIVE OVER CONVEYOR PIT  
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: Art Unit: 3652  
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: Examiner: Johnson, Raymond B.  
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## TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is:  
Transmittal (3 pgs., in duplicate); Response to Restriction and Election Requirements  
in response to Office Action dated December 31, 2003 (3 pgs.); Return post card

## STATUS

2. Applicant  
☐ claims small entity status.  
☒ is other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$140 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$

### FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.


### FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. ☐ Other:

  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, please consider the following remarks:

**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing is being made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-28 are now pending in this application and are subject to a restriction or election requirement.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement imposed under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is respectfully requested.

A restriction to either Group I, consisting of Claims 1-8 drawn to ramp structure for a vehicle, classified in Class 414, subclass 337, Group II, consisting of Claims 9-12 drawn to hydraulic lift/elevator assembly, classified in Class 187, subclass 203 or Group III, consisting of Claims 13-28, drawn to a grain transfer handling system, classified in class 414, subclass 787,